

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to set forth a generic claim 1 with dependent claims thereon i.e., claims 2-13.

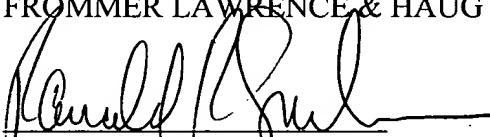
If an election is still required, original claims 1-4 are elected with traverse.

As to claims 12-13 added by the Preliminary Amendment dated March 2, 2002, it is submitted that they do not contain new matter. Support for ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene or polyolefin fibers is found on page 13, lines 9 and 10 in referring to Dyneema® and Spectra® material.

As to polyurethane coating, it is found on page 12, line 26, page 13, line 3, claim 6 and claim 10. It is submitted that no new matter was added.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,
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